

## REMARKS

This is an amendment filed with a Request for Continued Examination, in response to an Advisory Action dated July 16, 2004. Claims 1-11, 13, and 17 are pending in the application.

The Advisory Action stated that the Response to the Final Office Action dated June 28, 2004, failed to place the application in a condition for allowance because:

*Grabowski* teaches "...the transceiver (30) configured to repeat messages received from other transceivers (54) associated with other sensors (40's of 22, 24, 26) (30 receives messages from 22, 24, 26 and transmits them to 32, Fig. 1)". Applicants argue that *Grabowski* does not teach a control unit with its group of associated sensors communicating with another control unit having its own group of associated sensors. However, examiner's position is that this limitation is not recited in the claims.

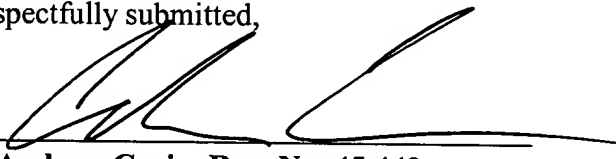
*Advisory Action* , page 2.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 13, and 17 and dependent claims 7 and 8 to address the above-mentioned concerns. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of these amendments submitted with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination. Applicant submits that support for the amendments can be found in the original application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been introduced. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application and claims are respectfully requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

In light of the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all rejections have been traversed or rendered moot, and that the now pending claims 1-11, 13 and 17 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,

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